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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 86-94

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: GAIN FUNDING

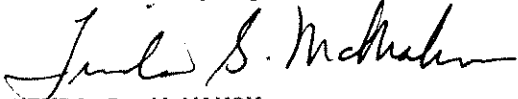
This all county letter is to clarify concerns raised at the August meetings of CWDA regarding the funding of the GAIN program and the impact on program design. The following items should clarify the departmental policies in question and alleviate county concerns regarding GAIN funding.

First, the department is committed to funding 100 percent of GAIN costs including additional overhead costs incurred as a result of operating the GAIN program. Our analysis of GAIN plans approved to date does not show an overhead shift to counties despite the controversy that arose regarding this issue. In fact, we believe these plans show a slight shift to state costs as result of starting the GAIN program. However, should a county plan be approved that results in an overhead shift to the county, GAIN will fund those costs.

To ensure a long term solution to this problem, SDSS staff has made a proposal to the Cost Allocation Plan Subcommittee of the CWDA Fiscal Committee for review and county input. SDSS believes that this approach will ensure appropriate claiming to all programs including GAIN. This proposal also has the tentative approval of the Federal government which has approval authority over the state's claiming process. This proposal does require the time study of staff not currently required to do so. As an offset, we believe there will be staff currently time studying who will no longer be required to do so and can merely certify their time to a single program.

Finally, we wish to emphasize that if adjustments to the claim are necessary within the short term as a result of GAIN, each case will be reviewed individually. Further, there must be sufficient documentation at the county level to ensure that the costs attributable to GAIN can be identified through audit.

In closing, we again reemphasize that it is not the intent of the law, nor SDSS policy, to require the counties to contribute funds to the operation of the GAIN program.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Linda S. McMahon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being more prominent than the last name "McMahon".

LINDA S. McMAHON  
Director

cc: CWDA